

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, December 29—First Sunday after Christmas—*Time to get a move on*

9:15 AM Sunday School

10:30 AM Worship Service

Wednesday, January 1

Happy New Year!

Church Office Closed

Sunday, January 5—Epiphany Sunday—Unable to go back the way we came!

9:15 AM Sunday School

10:30 AM Worship Service with communion

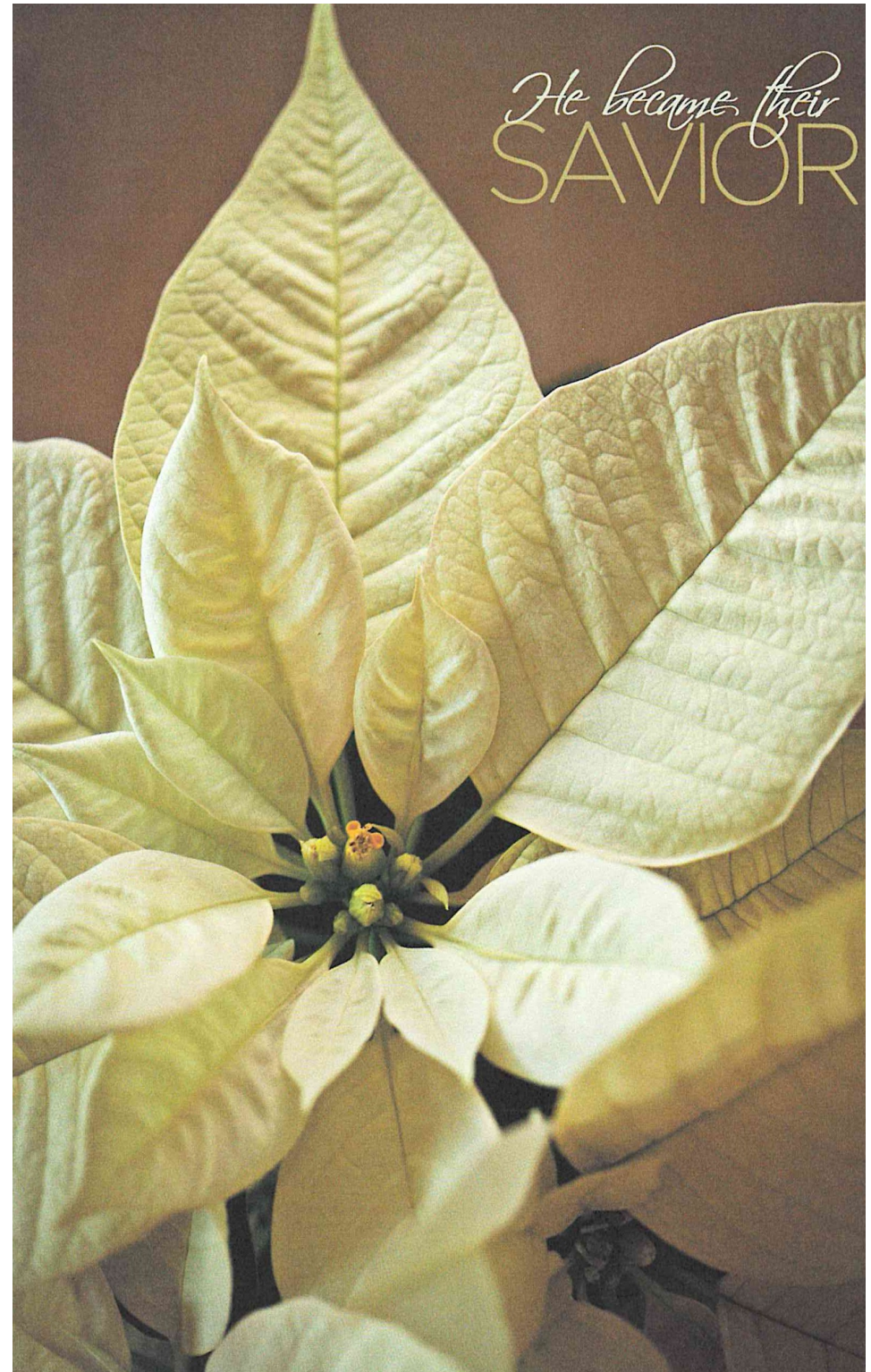
Upcoming Worship Services

January 12—Isaiah 12:1-9; Psalm 29; Acts 10:34-43; Matthew 3:13-17

January 19—Isaiah 49:1-7; Psalm 40:1-11; 1 Corinthians 1:1-9; John 1:29-42

January 26—Isaiah 9:1-4; Psalm 27:1, 4-9; 1 Corinthians 1:10-18;

Matthew 4:12-23



SR. HIGH YOUTH



- **Girls Night**—Food/Fun/Movie/Laughter—December 30, 5:30 PM at Carol's
- **January 1**—No YG
- **New YG Year Begins**—January 8, 6:30 PM, youth group/council. Set some goals, plan some service, look at where God is working and how we can join in. Supper included.
- **Winter Retreat**- February 15-17 at Camp Mennoscah so mark your calendars!

Yearbook update forms have been put in your mailbox. Please fill out the form and return the form to the Church Office by Sunday, January 5. If you have family members listed in the Yearbook who do not regularly attend or live out of the area, please fill out a form for them if their information is different from what is in the Yearbook. **If you are not currently in the Yearbook and would like to be, please make sure to fill out a form. Extra forms are also available in the Church Office.**

Get involved with something BIG—record-breaking BIG! The First Thursday Quilters are taking part in the Great Winter Warm-Up, MCC's effort to collect 6500 comforters in honor of MCC's 100th anniversary. On January 18, 2020, we will tie comforters 9:00 AM-4:00 PM, or until done, in FMC's Fellowship Hall. Come for an hour or all day. Lunch will be provided; bring a snack if you want. **For more information contact Elena Entz Wiebe or Cindy Unruh.**

Offering envelopes for 2020 have been placed in your mailbox. If you did not receive offering envelopes and would like them or have any questions, contact the Church Office at 316-283-0273.

Transition information: The Church and Staff Relations Committee is considering a potential candidate for Interim Youth (Ministry) Coordinator. This interim position will work alongside the Youth Sponsors to represent youth and youth family ministry during this transitional period. The Interim Youth Coordinator may teach high school Sunday School, lead or teach on Wednesday nights, coordinate youth ministry concerns like curriculum choices, activities or service projects and spearhead things like the summer service trip. Additionally, the Interim Youth Coordinator will serve as a pastoral presence for the youth. Please pray for the process.

Community Announcements

Kansas Mennonite Men's Chorus enrollment is now underway for its 52nd year. All men and boys who enjoy singing are encouraged to sign up. For more information, contact Donnie Kingsley at 316-773-8044 or email: dl_jr@cox.net. The 2020 concert schedule is April 19, 7:00 PM—Tabor College Richert Auditorium in Hillsboro and April 26, 7:00 PM—Bethel College Memorial Hall in North Newton.

Kauffman Museum First-Saturday Bird Walk—Saturday, January 4. Meet at **8:15 AM** in the museum parking lot, corner of Main and 27th streets, North Newton—experienced birders will lead a walk of 1 to 1.5 hours. Please be aware this is mostly on an unpaved trail and the terrain is sometimes sloping or steep.

The Neuf Memorial Run—The Neuf 9K and 2-mile run returns to the campus of Bethel College on January 11, 2020 to honor the memory of Russ Neufeld, a former MC USA and Hesston College employee. The race will start at 10:00 AM, outside of Mojo's Coffee Shop on the campus of Bethel College, North Newton. The Neuf will raise funds for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, and the Russ Neufeld memorial scholarship at Hesston College. Register and read other details about the race at runtheneuf.neuf.ca. We would love to have you join us for this fun community event!

Join an intentional community with peers, serve with a local nonprofit, and plug into your neighborhood and local congregation in places like Chicago; Washington, D.C.; San Francisco; and Alamosa. Learn more at MennoniteMission.net/Serve. Age: 20+; term: 1–2 years.

Need a change of scenery? Join SOOP and use your gifts and skills to work alongside others in a network of ministries across the church. Flexibility designed for retirees, families, and adults over 25. Explore opportunities at MennoniteMission.net/Serve.

Boots, Buckets and Barrows: In partnership with Mennonite Disaster Service, Ted & Co. presents the original play, *The Jesus Stories: Faith, Forks & Fettuccine*, in conjunction with a unique auction of buckets filled with baked goods and home items, along with "flash auctions" to fund the tools and volunteers MDS needs to help restore communities and rebuild homes ravaged by natural disaster. All proceeds benefit the continued work of MDS. Admission is free! Please come prepared to bid on Friday, January 31,

7:00 PM, at Hesston Mennonite Church and Saturday, February 1, 7:00 PM, at Journey Mennonite Church, South Hutchinson. Sponsored by Kansas MDS Unit, Hesston College Disaster Management Program, and Journey Mennonite South Hutchinson.

Looking for that next great adventure? MCC SALT positions now available! Take chances. Make mistakes. Get messy. Be challenged. Learn some things. Teach some things. Spend a year living somewhere that you never dreamed you'd go...Serving and Learning Together (SALT) is a year-long, cross-cultural service experience. Through SALT, Christian young adults from Canada and the U.S. serve internationally in a wide variety of positions in fields like education, agriculture, health care, information technology, peace and more! Start now at salt.mcc.org, to find answers to frequently asked questions, assignment options and to apply. Application close date 02/15/20.

Western District Women in Mission in cooperation with Everence Financial will host a two-day conference "Let's Talk...Women, Money & Faith" on January 24 and 25 at Tabor Mennonite Church, Newton. Featured speakers, Teresa Boshart Yoder and Rhoda Blough from Everence Financial, will address money and faith topics for women of all ages and stages of life. More information and registration coming soon on Facebook at facebook.com/WesternDistrictWomen/?modal=admin_todo_tour or at our web page communicationswdwm.wixsite.com/wdwm.

Summer is only 6 months away! Camp Mennoscah is looking for amazing people to be our summer staff for 2020. We need lifeguards, office assistants, music and crafts leaders, a naturalist and grounds/maintenance. Further information is available online or contract olivia.bartel@campmennoscah.org or 620-297-3290. Apply for a position online at campmennoscah.org under Summer Youth Camps!

Thank you for your generous giving to Mennonite Central Committee in 2019. Your gifts help MCC continue work in 53 countries working on 648 projects and impacting countless people. If you're looking for a last minute Christmas gift keep MCC Christmas giving projects in mind or collect school kit supplies with your family (mcc.org/kits)! Check out mcc.org/christmas for online giving options. Contact our office in North Newton, KS for giving in person, 283-2720.

WELCOME TO EVERYONE who has come to worship and especially to those who are here for the first time. May you experience the loving embrace of God today. Nursery Care, infants to age 2, is provided during the worship service in the nursery located in Room 225. Childcare is available for children ages 2-4 during the second half of the worship service in Room 223. If you need help finding your way, ask an usher at the door. We would be glad to help you!

First Mennonite Church by the numbers

Attendance:

•Worship—214; Visitors—12

Offering: Last week's offering for Local Mission was \$33,000. The offering for January 5 is for Mennonite Mission Network.

Thank you for your generous gift last Sunday in the amount of \$33,000. We still need an estimated \$37,000 to complete the year in the black.

The office hours have changed! The new hours are 8:00 AM-12:15 PM and 1:00-4:30 PM. As reminder, if you need to get into the office workroom when the office is not open, please call ahead, and we can make arrangements for that. Thank you.

For the next few weeks the Office and Library Showcases will feature nativity sets from various countries. Stop by and take a look.

For your information—Susan Jantzen's email, now in operation, is susanj@firstmennonitenewton.org.

KIPCOR is asking for our evaluation. A link to a survey was sent out by email this week, and paper copies are available in the office. Please return yours by **December 31!**

Harvest of Love—The Salvation Army invites you to join in our annual food and fund drive to support people in need in our county. Items always needed are canned tuna, macaroni and cheese, spaghetti sauce, hamburger helper, tuna helper, cereal (of any kind), peanut butter, canned vegetables, and soups. A box is available in the Court Area to collect nonperishable items. So far, we have collected 177 pounds of food and \$250 in donations. Way to go! **TODAY is the last day we will be collecting food.**